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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

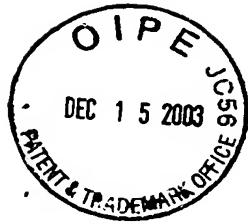
- AA United States Patent No. 5,372,137
- AB United States Patent No. 5,311,134
- AC United States Patent No. 5,197,474
- AD United States Patent No. 5,185,576
- AE United States Patent No. 4,567,894

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Each of the above references was identified and discussed at pages 2 and 3 of the present specification.

Additionally, References AA , AC and AE were cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination of the counterpart German application.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith. Since all of these references are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary.



As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application, and therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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